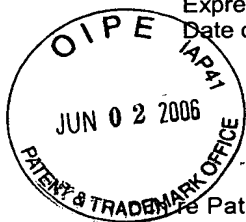


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All finally rejected claims in the decision of the Primary Examiner dated March 2, 2006 are hereby appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

- ☐ The appeal fee was previously paid on \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, no Appeal fee is now required.
- ☒ Enclosed is the Appeal fee of: ☒ \$250.00 (2401) ☐ \$500.00 (1401)
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- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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